

votes No. 221, 222, 223, and 224. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall 221, "aye" on rollcall 222, "aye" on rollcall 223, and "aye" on rollcall 224.

WARREN/WASHINGTON COUNTIES
ARC CELEBRATES 35 YEARS

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this opportunity to heap praise on one of the most valuable and important programs that has been operating for 35 years now in my congressional district. I'm talking about the Warren/Washington Counties ARC which provides quality services to people with disabilities and their families in my hometown and neighboring communities in New York's Adirondack Mountains.

The good people who work at and operate this fine chapter deserve all the credit in the world for the time and energy they devote to those less fortunate than themselves. Helping those who have the misfortune of being born with or acquiring disabilities, mental and otherwise, is truly one of the more admirable undertakings and one of the greater responsibilities in our society. I know those they are able to help and their families and loved ones greatly appreciate everything they do to help make their lives as full and complete as possible.

And you know, Mr. Speaker, that's the remarkable thing. We would all do well to emulate the spirit of giving of those who nurture those in our communities who may be less fortunate than ourselves through no fault of their own. The staff and administrators who have made up the history of the Warren/Washington ARC will tell you that their satisfaction comes not in feeling good about themselves, but in recognizing the joy of those they help.

Mr. Speaker, I have always been one to judge people based on what they return to their community. By that yardstick, the people of Warren/Washington ARC are truly great Americans. This is a country founded on the principles of volunteerism and helping others. What better way than to help those neighbors with disabilities enjoy the same opportunities we all enjoy to be part of a community? That's why Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all Members of the House rise with me in salute to this tremendous program and in wishing them another 35 years of unparalleled success.

AMENDING THE SAFE DRINKING
WATER ACT

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a noncontroversial bill which will make it much easier for States to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act amendments Congress considered last year, States are required to conduct source water assessments. These source water assessments de-

lineate and assess sources of drinking water within each State. They are an important part of our efforts to protect the public's drinking water.

When Congress passed the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, there was the expectation that States could get their drinking water State revolving funds [DWSRF] up and running within a year. Accordingly, States have had the discretion to use up to 10 percent of their Federal capitalization grants for fiscal years 1996 and 1997 to conduct source water assessments. However, this short timeframe for funding has turned out to be problematic for the States. In fact, some States may not even have grant applications submitted during fiscal year 1997.

This bill would amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to fix this problem by giving States the discretion to fund source water assessments with their capitalization grants for 1 additional year. This bill would not make any new authorizations. It would place no new requirements on States, nor would it require funds to be spent on source water assessments. This bill simply gives States discretion in how they use funds they have already been granted.

When Speaker GINGRICH proposed Corrections Day in the last Congress, he said that it should be used only for noncontroversial legislation of a limited scope. I have actively participated in the corrections advisory group for the last 2 years and believe that this proposal is the ideal candidate for the Corrections Day calendar.

I have consulted with the Office of Drinking Water at the Environmental Protection Agency who have raised no objections. In fact, there is no known opposition to the bill at all. This bill is supported by the State drinking water administrators, the water supply industry, and the environmental groups.

The Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, the American Water Works Association, the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, the Association of California Water Agencies, Clean Water Action, and the Natural Resources Defense Council all support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I urge every Member to support this noncontroversial bill. Congress should act quickly to send this to the President to become law.

STATEMENT ON THE RETIREMENT
OF COL. DAVID HARRINGTON,
U.S. AIR FORCE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Col. David G. Harrington, a resident of the District of Columbia, on his retirement and to thank him for his 29 years of dedicated service to the U.S. Air Force.

Colonel Harrington joined the Air Force on July 25, 1968, and has served at several locations throughout the United States and Europe. His most recent experience has been in human resources. He has attained the position of chief of the education and training division at headquarters, U.S. Air Force.

Colonel Harrington has devoted his 29-year career to helping the men and women of the

U.S. Air Force through the development of systematic policies that improve their personal and professional readiness to defend the United States and its allies. The colonel has received many awards and decorations for outstanding service during his career.

Upon the completion of such exemplary service to our Nation, I commend Colonel Harrington and wish him well in the future.

IN HONOR OF CHANCELLOR DR.
VIVIAN B. BLEVINS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER OF RANCHO
SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Dr. Vivian B. Blevins' extraordinary commitment to education and to providing access to all students throughout her tenure as chancellor of Rancho Santiago Community College.

As chancellor, Dr. Blevins has been instrumental in promoting active engagement and participation between students, community leaders, and businesses. She has also been persistent in reaching out to the Asian-Pacific American and Latino/Chicano community.

Her many career accomplishments at the local level include: Kennedy Partners Board of the Orange County Human Relations Council, the Executive Board of Santa Ana 2000, the Board of the Delhi Center, the Advisory Board of Career Beginnings of Orange County, and the Board of Directors of KinderCaminata.

At the national level she has recently completed a 2-year term as chair of the Commission for the Office of Minorities in Higher Education of the American Council on Education. She was also chair of the Women's Caucus of the American Association of Higher Education in 1996-97 and is currently legislative liaison of the caucus. She is on the executive board of the board of directors of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities [HACU] and is currently working on a cultural diversity track for the second international conference sponsored by HACU and the Bureau of Land Management.

I would like my colleagues in Congress to join me in recognizing Chancellor Vivian B. Blevins for her outstanding service to her community. Her many outstanding accomplishments clearly mark her as an outstanding intellectual and inspirational leader. The citizens of Orange County have been very fortunate to have such a remarkable individual working for them. Let us wish Chancellor Blevins many years of enjoyment and happiness in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE 50TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY OF DR. AND MRS.
OSCAR C. ALLEN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the momentous occasion of Dr. Oscar C. Allen and Hattie Lawson